# **Managing Election Day**

Voters should verify their voter registration and confirm their polling place prior to election day. Early morning and late evening hours are the busiest times at polling places. Consider voting early, voting by mail-in ballot, or voting in the middle of the day to avoid those peak hours. If your county mails a Signature Card to you, bring it with you to the polls for rapid processing. Consider researching candidates and ballot questions in advance so you can mark your ballot quicker. Contact your county clerk if you have questions or need assistance.



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# 2008 Voter's Guide for the Primary and Presidential Elections



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## Election Dates:

Primary Election: August 12, 2008 Presidential Election: November 4, 2008 Voting Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **Voter Registration**

**Do I have to be registered to vote?** In order to participate in an election, you must be registered to vote 29 days before the election. If you are participating in the Primary Election, you are required to be affiliated with a political party. If you are unaffiliated, you can declare a political party at the polls.

**How do I check to see if I am registered?** To verify your registration, you may contact your local county clerk and recorder or you may visit our website www.govotecolorado.com.

**Am I eligible to vote?** To be eligible to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older on election day, and a resident of Colorado for at least 30 days.

### Where do I register to vote or update my address?

You may register to vote or change your voting address by filling out an application. Applications can be found at any county clerk's office, agencies that provide public assistance, Driver's License offices, on the Secretary of State's website and many other locations. Completed applications should be mailed or faxed to your county clerk.

**Can I register to vote on election day?** Under certain circumstances you may be allowed to apply for Emergency Registration on election day. Contact your county clerk's office for more information.

# **Voting Times, Methods and Locations**

**Can I vote early?** Yes, in Colorado you may cast your ballot early at designated early voting sites. Contact your county clerk for information on dates and locations. This information can often be found on your county clerk's website.

Can I vote by mail-in (absentee) ballot? Yes, you may request that a mail-in ballot be sent to you. In Colorado you are not required to submit a reason for requesting a mail-in ballot. Requests must be made in writing and sent to your county clerk. You can request a ballot for a specific election or you may choose to be listed on the permanent mail-in voter list. Applications for mail-in ballots can be found at your county clerk's office or the Secretary of State's website.

**Do I need ID when I vote?** If you are voting in person, you are required to present a copy of your ID. Although there are many acceptable forms of ID, most voters find using their Colorado Driver's License or ID card convenient. You can find the full list of acceptable ID on our website.

Sometimes ID is required when you vote by mail. Carefully review your ballot instructions or contact your county clerk to determine if you need to send a copy of you ID with your mail-in ballot.

**Tip!** Watch for informational material like the "Blue Book" and Voter Cards to come in the mail before the November Election.

#### Other Information

**How do I find my polling place?** Your county clerk establishes polling place or Vote Center locations. To find your polling place, contact your county clerk or visit their website.

How do I know what candidates and questions will be on my ballot? Ask your county clerk for a sample ballot. Many counties have sample ballots available on their website.

**How do I contact my county clerk?** County clerk's offices are listed in the phone book under the Government pages. You may also visit our website to find contact information.

How can I help with the process? Become an Election Judge! This rewarding task allows you to serve your country, state, and neighborhood. Election Judges receive a salary and are required to attend training. To qualify as an Election Judge, you must be registered to vote and able to serve. Contact your county clerk to sign up.

### What assistance is available to me on election day?

All polling places in Colorado are accessible to voters with disabilities. Each polling place will have at least one voting booth, called a DRE, that is equipped for use by voters with disabilities so that voting remains private and independent. You may choose to bring someone with you to assist with reading and marking your ballot. Election Judges are available to provide assistance at the polling place, if needed.